GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:68
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BIRDS HIT ACCIDENTS/ INCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)the number of accidents/incidents occurred due to lack of communication and failure in navigation system during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of birds hit accidents/incidents occurred during the said period;

(c) the steps taken to check such accidents/incidents in future;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to regulate effectively the increasing volume of air traffic in the country and to ensure aircraft safety both on the ground and in the air; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (C), (d) and (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the Lok Sabha Starred Quetion No. 68 for 27.07.2006.

(a):- Due to lack of communication and failure in navigation system no accident took place during the last three years. However, there were 03, 04, 00 and 02 incidents attributable to communication and navigation facilities during 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 (till date) , respectively.

(b):- Due to bird hit no accident occurred during the last 03 years. There were 130, 185, 189 and 40 incidents due to bird hits during 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 (till date) respectively.

(c):- Government have ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airports where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring and shooting of birds etc.

(d) and (e):-Yes, Sir. Aircraft Act, 1934 has been amended to make disposal of garbage in the open within 10 Kilometres of the airport as a cognizable offence. Also New high speed exit taxiways at Delhi and Mumbai airport are being constructed. A parallel taxi track is being constructed for Delhi Airport for reduction of runway occupancy time. Air Traffic Control (ATC) Procedures have been revised. Dedicated Clearance Delivery Position has been implemented at Mumbai and Delhi during peak period time. Ban on general aviation aircraft during the peak periods at Delhi and Mumbai airport has been imposed. ATC automation system at Delhi and Mumbai airports are being upgraded. Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) is being installed at Delhi Airport. Automatic Dependence Surveillance System - C/Controller Pilot Data Link Communication has been provided at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata airports.